

SCD Focus Team Conference Call

Thursday April 14, 2011

3:00 – 4:00 pm EST

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PARTICIPANTS:

Focus Team Members	Additional Participants
Heather Triezenberg	Rick DeVoe, SC Sea Grant
Brian Miller	Teresa Crean, RI Sea Grant
Joshua Brown	
Lauren Land	
Tom Murray	
Kristen Grant	
Jim Falk	
Stephanie Showalter	
Sarah van der Schalie	
John Carey	
Laura Biggs	
Jim Hurley	
Mike Spranger	
David Hart	
Unavailable	
Marty Jaffe	
John Jacob	
Mike Orbach	

AGENDA:

1. Announcements & Review Agenda – Heather Triezenberg
 - a. Notes from the February call are posted online
2. Activity Updates
 - a. Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning – Heather Triezenberg
 - b. Land Use / Land Cover Database Workshop - David Hart
 - c. Coastal Smart Growth and Hazards Expert Panel / Round Table – Sarah van der Schalie
 - d. Sustainable Tourism Roundtable – Jim Falk
 - e. Climate Summit – Mike Spranger
 - f. SCCD Toolbox – Kristen Grant
 - g. Working Waterfronts Update – Lauren Land
 - i. Hill Briefing scheduled for June 1 in the Capitol Visitor's Center
3. Communicating our SCD National Stories

- a. Renewable Energy Story – Heather Triezenberg
- b. Goal 1 Story – Kristen Grant, Heather Triezenberg
- c. Goal 2 Story – David Hart, John Carey
- d. Goal 3 Story – Jim Hurley
 - i. Additional information has been gathered regarding the Texas and Connecticut Sea Grant impacts leading to policy changes. Waiting on information from Florida Sea Grant.
- e. How can the focus teams and programs use the stories?
 - i. Flyer, pamphlet, website, etc.
 - ii. Would you be willing to give a brown bag seminar or talk to the Hill?
- 4. Planning for 2011 SCD Focus Team Meeting
- 5. Discussion of priority requests for any available funding
- 6. Next Steps
 - a. Next Conference Call targeted for mid to end of June. Look for the Doodle poll!

APPENDIX:

Activity Updates:

- 1. Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning
 - a. The Rhode Island SAMP Training will be held in Rhode Island on May 23-25, 2011. Please contact Jennifer McCann with Rhode Island Sea Grant if you are interested in attending.
 - b. The National Ocean Council is considering a national workshop in CMSP. The dates will be announced on the NOC website at some point in the future.
 - c. Heather Triezenberg is the OAR representative to the NOAA CMSP Program Implementation Council. She will be convening two conference calls in the near future to (1) facilitate cross-focus area team discussions for NOAA Sea Grant's niche with CMSP, and (2) facilitate a Sea Grant-wide discussion on CMSP.
- 2. Land Use / Land Cover Database
 - a. The meeting will occur April 21-22, 2011 in Charleston, South Carolina
- 3. Coastal Smart Growth and Hazards Expert Panel / Round Table
 - a. The meeting will be centered on exploring the question “how does a coastal community address the questions of where, how, and what to develop or redevelop that achieves coastal smart growth goals and minimizes risks from current hazards and future?”
 - b. Planning to hold the meeting in July or August in Silver Spring, MD (Aug 23-25 are the targeted dates. July 26-28 are the alternative dates).

- c. Planning is in full swing. Formed four subcommittees who are developing the agenda, researching information to inform the agenda, identifying experts, and working out meeting logistics.
 - d. Solicited recommendations for coastal smart growth and hazards experts from the SCD and HRCC focus teams
- 4. Sustainable Tourism Roundtable
 - a. A Coastal and Marine Tourism Roundtable planning committee has been formed. Committee members include: Jim Falk, CO-PI (DE), John Carey, CO-PI (HI), Gordon Grau (HI), Darren Lerner (HI), Jennifer Barrett (HI), Darren Okimoto (HI), Melinda Huntley (OH), Natalie Springuel (ME), Joanne McDonough (AL), Bob Bacon (SC), Jack Thigpen (NC), and Heather Triezenberg (NSGO). Additional planning committee members are welcome.
 - b. The major goal of this effort will be to convene a roundtable of Sea Grant coastal/marine tourism researchers extension personnel, and other interested colleagues (NOAA offices) to discuss and share ideas about Sea Grant's role in coastal and marine tourism.
 - c. The first conference call of the group was held on March 21, 2011 to begin discussions on possible dates and a location for the roundtable meeting. In addition, the group began identifying possible themes and topics for the roundtable, along with suggestions for a keynote speaker. J. Barrett of HI Sea Grant set up a listserv for the planning committee to begin exchanging information. Additional information about the meeting and other coastal and marine tourism issues will be forthcoming on the SCCD Ning site in the near future.
- 5. Climate Summit
 - a. Mike Spranger is working with NOAA (Mike Liffmann) and USDA (Luis Tupaz) to coordinate a National Extension Climate Literacy in Agriculture and Marine Sciences Summit (CLAMSS) that is now targeted for mid-November 2011. The purpose of the CLAMSS is to bring together Land Grant/Sea Grant Extension administrators and administrators within NOAA and USDA to explore present and future collaborations in climate change extension and outreach activities. They will also explore current gaps, opportunities for collaboration and synergy, resource needs and next steps to build capacity collectively that leads to a more climate literate society. We are currently identifying speakers and participants and securing meeting site.
- 6. Preserve America Project
 - a. No updates because Fiscal Year 2011 budget has not yet been approved. We are still interested in pursuing the idea whether or not it is selected for funding.